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Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor
Honorable M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and member of Council:

**Subject: Police Department Domestic
Violence Program Grant**

Background:

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) provides grant funding for programs and activities which increase the apprehension, prosecution and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women. The program, "Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution Violence Against Women" (V-STOP) has funded the establishment of a Domestic Violence Unit within the Police Department since 1999.

The Domestic Violence Unit collects and interprets relevant domestic violence offense data which allows proactive case intervention and cultivation of the cooperative working relationships with clients and service/adjudication agencies. The program produces more equitable victim-offender criminal justice dispositions related to domestic violence offenses.

On December 14, 2005, DCJS awarded the Police Department \$32,967 to employ its full-time, non-sworn Domestic Violence Specialist thereby allowing continuance of the Domestic Violence Unit in calendar year 2006. The required City match of \$10,989 will be met through a cash transfer of \$8,532 and an in-kind donation of \$2,457. The cash expenditure will be necessary to continue to fully fund the salary and benefits portion of the Domestic Violence Specialist

position. Funding for the local match is budgeted in Local Match Funding for grants (035-300-9700-5415).

Recommended Action:

Accept the V-STOP grant described above and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and any related documents, in such form as is approved by the City Attorney.

Adopt the accompanying budget ordinance to establish revenue estimates for State grant funds of \$32,967 and local cash funding of \$8,532, to transfer funding in the amount of \$8,532 from 035-300-9700-5415 to provide the local match funding, and to appropriate total funding of \$41,499 in accounts to be established by the Director of Finance in the Grant Fund as follows:

Appropriation:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Employee Salaries	1002	\$ 30,239
Retirement	1105	\$ 4,191
FICA	1120	\$ 2,313
Medical Insurance	1125	\$ 4,140
Dental Insurance	1126	\$ 247
Life Insurance	1130	\$ 369
 SUB TOTAL		 \$ 41,499
 Cash Match from 035-300-9700-5415 to 1002		
 TOTAL		 \$ 41,499

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

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